There were the settler and his wife, the boy above mentioned, a girl of ten, another of eight, and a boy of five or six. In addition there was a little boy four years old, whose parents had been killed by the Indians about a month before. It was decided that we should get into the ravine in the rear of the house at once. The man and wife and voungest child went first. His boy and the two girls followed, while I, having charge of the little orphan, brought up the rear. All the children were awakened, and there was fear that the two little boys would betray us by crying out. Before starting I whispered to Tommy:

"The Indians are coming, but if you keep still we shall get away all right. You will ride on my back. We are going among the brush and trees where it is very dark. If I fall down or the limbs switch your face you must not cry

"No, me no ky out?" he whispered, as I bent down for him to climb on my back.

I heard the clatter of the ponies on the hard road as I left the back door, and I was only fairly concealed when the Indians began yelling and battering at the door. The others had such a start that I could not overtake them. And, too, they turned into the first ravine on the right, while I kept straight on. A dozen times I almost fell headlong, and a dozen times the boy was brushed almost off my back. I felt that he was crying, but very quietly. Perhaps he feared I suspected him, for as I stopped to take breath he drew himself up and whispered in my

"Me no ky out and make Injuns

The redskins did not fire the ouse, as it would have been a beacon light to their pursuers, but they smashed everything breakable, took what they wanted, and after about half an hour continued on their way. I reached a point a mile from the house and then sat down on a rock in the deep ravine to pass the rest of the night. I took Tommy on my lap and hugged bim closely, but no words were exchanged. After awhile I thought he dropped off to sleep, and I was getting a bit drowsy myself when I suddenly heard a bear coming down the ravine. The click of his claws on the stones was proof that it was a bear, and his heavy step signified that he was a big one. I away, but pretty soon I got the odor of the bear.

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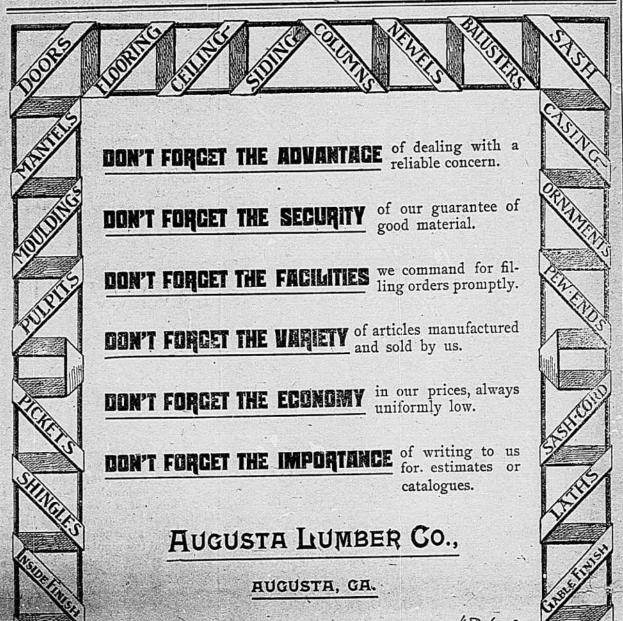
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